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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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Mr. John L. Wirth

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Dear Mr. Wirth:

The Staff Assistant of the Interagency Classification Review Committee has referred to us your letter of 9 April 1973.

To the extent that your request concerned classified studies which have been declassified, there is little we can add. We know of no such studies. If we were to undertake a major search mentioned in our earlier correspondence, it is possible that one or more studies might be found. As I have indicated, I am doubtful on this score and the search in any event would be somewhat expensive.

With respect to your request for declassified research reports in the social and behavioral sciences treating Southeast Asia, the Agency does produce studies called the National Intelligence Surveys series. These are broad, general studies of countries for background reference purposes. We have initiated a review of these documents to determine whether any would seem to fall within your request. Also, we will consider for declassification any which fall within your request. We will be in touch with you at an appropriate stage. If it appears that we will need to charge a fee to proceed further on your request, we will inform you of the amount.

Sincerely,

Angus MacLean Thuemer
Assistant to the Director